

REMARKS**Claim Status**

Claims 1-10 are pending after entry of this paper. Claims 1-9 have been rejected. Claims 1, 7, and 8 have been amended. Claim 10 has been added as a new claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish the steps of the method claimed therein. No new matter has been introduced with the amendments. Support can be found throughout the application as filed, for example in original claim 1 and the Abstract.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove the phrase “such as the JKMRC model”. No new matter has been introduced with this amendment. Support can be found throughout the application as filed, for example on pages 4-6 of the application as filed.

Claim 8 has been amended to (1) replace the phrase “as well as” with “and” and (2) to delete the phrase “as such”. No new matter is added by the claim amendment. Support can be found throughout the application as filed.

Claim 10 has been added as a new claim. No new matter is introduced with this new claim. Support can be found throughout the specification as filed, for example in previously presented claim 7.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the claim amendment and remarks are respectfully requested.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly being incomplete for omitting essential steps. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in order to expedite prosecution without disclaimer of, or prejudice to, the subject matter recited in the instant application, applicants have amended claim 1 to distinguish the steps

of the method claimed therein. Support can be found in original claim 1 as filed in addition to the Abstract.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner has rejected the claims for including the phrase “such as”. Applicants respectfully point out that claim 8 does not contain the phrase “such as”. However, in order to expedite prosecution without disclaimer of, or prejudice to, the subject matter recited in the instant application, applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 to remove the phrases “such as” and “as such” respectively.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection to the claims in view of the above-mentioned claim amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph (Office Action, page 2). Applicants believe that the above-mentioned amendments address the Examiner’s concerns and place the claim in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-6 and 9 have been objected to for being dependant upon a rejected base claim (claim 1). Applicants believe that the above-mentioned amendments to claim 1 address the Examiner’s concerns and place claims 2-6 and 9 in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants believe that the above-mentioned amendments address the Examiner’s concerns and place the claims in condition for allowance.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The applicants may not have independently addressed all of the rejections of the dependent claims. The applicant submits that for at least similar reasons as to why independent claim 1 from which the dependent claims (i.e., claims 2-10) depend are believed allowable as discussed *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. The applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims and present independent bases for allowance for the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

Thus, applicant respectfully submits that the invention as recited in the claims as presented herein is allowable over the art of record, and respectfully requests that the respective rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

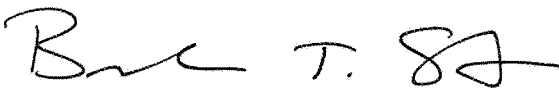
Based on the foregoing amendment, election, and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and election is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided. Favorable and timely action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No. 1004350.125US.

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